

# DOE picks Areva, GLE to make fuel for nuclear power

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The U.S. Department of Energy ([DOE](#)) picked Global Laser Enrichment (GLE) for the sale of the depleted uranium hexafluoride inventory at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant site in Kentucky.

GLE has proposed licensing, construction and operating a new laser enrichment facility, along with the potential lease or use of existing Paducah plant facilities, infrastructure and utilities. The [Areva](#) proposal will use its [nuclear](#) fuel fabrication facility in Richland, Washington to process the off-specification uranium hexafluoride as blend stock for domestic nuclear reactor fuel.

DOE also entered into negotiations with Areva for the off-specification uranium hexafluoride inventory, according to Power Engineering.

The inventories are currently housed at the Paducah, Ken. and Portsmouth, Ohio plants.